

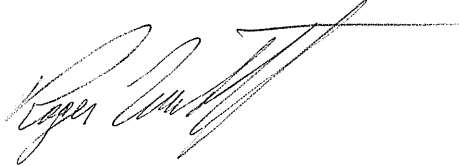
January 29, 2009

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All KDOC staff

From: Roger Werholtz, Secretary

Re: FY 2009 Budget Update



I am writing in an effort to update you on the most recent developments regarding the status of legislation involving the Department's budget for the current fiscal year. As you are likely aware, the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Monday, January 26 approved Senate Bill 23 that would have resulted in a 3.4% across the board reduction in this year's budget. A 3.4% reduction would have required the Department to cut an additional approximately \$9.3 million from the budget between now and June 30, 2009.

The full Senate on Wednesday, January 28 amended SB 23 and reduced the additional cut to 1.5% rather than 3.4%. A 1.5% cut amounts to a current year reduction in the Department's budget of approximately \$4.1 million dollars. The \$4.1 million is in lieu of, not in addition to, the \$9.3 million.

At the present time, senior staff are reviewing the amended legislation to determine what actions we will need to take to achieve the reductions. The specific reductions, once determined, will come from the options that were identified in my memo of January 27. We have also been advised that the House Appropriations Committee will take up SB 23 tomorrow, Friday, January 30.

I am aware and understand that many of you are tracking this process closely. A standard part of the legislative process is that each time a bill that impacts the Department is amended we must review it to determine the implications the amendments may have on our operations. We will be forwarding updated information to you as quickly as we can, but we want to ensure that we have sufficient time to develop the best possible responses to those changes.

As the process continues, I want you to know that I do understand and appreciate your interest in the actions being taken here in Topeka, that this impacts each of you personally, and that this uncertainty creates a great deal of stress and anxiety. I ask each of you to continue performing your jobs in your best professional manner in these changing and unsettling times.

Thank you for all you do for the Kansas Department of Corrections and the people of the State of Kansas.